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Canon INC Comments on Improving Quality Measurement

Canon INC first would like to appreciate the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) for the opportunity to make comments regarding the proposed improvement of Quality Measurement.

In response to the request for comments on “Patent Quality Metrics for Fiscal Year 2017 and on Improving Patent Quality Measurement.”, published by the USPTO in the Federal Register, Vol.81, No.58 (March 25, 2016), we would like to offer our comments as shown below.

1. About the new core metrics

We agree and support USPTO’s decision of focusing on two new core metrics “work product metric” and “clarity metric”.

2. About the Master Review Form

We assume that the result of the quality evaluation will be officially released, but if possible, it would be helpful if the Office also releases the evaluation result specialized in PPH cases, since we users have interest if there are any statistical trend in the difference between the examination of first examined country, especially from Japan.

Canon INC again thanks the USPTO for this opportunity to provide these comments and welcome any questions on them.

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